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HAT'S OFF TO THE STAR

(From The Black Dispatch)

The Black Dispatch rejoices in the downfall and defeat of the republican city ticket in the city of Tulsa, Tuesday. We doff our hat to Editor Smitherman and the Negroes of Tulsa who had the courage, intelligence and vision to vote as they did.

It was not so much a question, with the Negroes of Tulsa, of voting for democracy, as it was a task of casting out of the temple a gang of prejudicial slunkos who called themselves republicans, and who, as soon as they got into office, voted an unconstitutional segregation ordinance and played every other mean, low, foul, political trick in an attempt to carry favor with a vicious white element, whose presence and thoughts will some day disgrace hell. It is going to take just such folks as this to drive it into the cranium of the republican party, which right now is kneeling at the feet of Lily Whiteism, that the Negro voter has some sense.

Last spring the Black Dispatch and the Negro voters of Oklahoma City went out and cleaned up the city commission for the republican party.

The time has come when the Negro should give expression to his feelings. The republican party, just as any other organization constituted by human effort, must receive its jolt from democracy. As an old colored lady recently said: "We have fought in every war and come back 'niggers'."

The Negro is tired to death of fighting in the ranks of the republican party and coming out of every contest classed as a "nigger." We are MEN with common horse sense, and the republicans of Tulsa have found it out.

OUR SCHOOLS are almost as sacred as our homes and should be protected over and tutored by men and women of the highest type as to intellectual efficiency and moral fitness. Our children should be given every possible advantage and the heads of our schools should demand this in every particular. It is a shameful confession, but true, that we have among us instructors of our children who cater to the base ideas of prejudiced white people who think the wash-tub, makeshift and the kitchen should be the height of every colored girl's ambition. These kind of teachers are millstones about the neck of our race and unless cut loose from us will eventually drag us to the bottom of the ocean of ignorance and superstition instead of lifting us as they should to the loftiest pinnacle of intelligence and independence. We need to open our eyes and look about us before it is too late.

A DEAL OF UNNECESSARY ANXIETY is being expressed by the chronic lickers about the future policy of the new city administration and some have even charged that the town will be turned over unconditionally to the gamblers and bootleggers. The Star is of the opinion that the new administration will adhere to its platform pledges with scrupulous forethought and will thereby give the people of Tulsa the best administration they have ever had. From the mayor down every man on the ticket is honest and upright and will give all the people a square deal.

A MAN'S WORTH to a community is measured by his usefulness, not in words, but in meritorious deeds spent in efforts to promote the interest of all the people. Such men are rarely appreciated for their real worth because of jealousy and envy from less worthy ones. But in the end they always come into their own.

THE FELLOW who spends most of his time kicking and finding fault with people and things he is powerless to improve is a nuisance to any community and the sooner the people get rid of him the better for them.

STAR CHAMBER PROCEEDINGS are out of style in Tulsa as was evidenced by the action of the common fellows Tuesday night when they stood as a solid phalanx against the Star Chamber gang. But the boys are all for harmony now and in this we are reminded that, "All's well that ends well."

THE COUNTY AND STATE PRIMARIES give promise of a lively mixup from which the best men will emerge ready for the races.

SOMETIMES those who are nearest and dearest to us are less concerned about our real welfare.

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OBITUARY OF DR. D. W. BRYANT

(By Dr. B. A. Wayne.)

Friends, today we have assembled to witness a sad occasion, not to observe a transformation of the inanimate arrayed in splendor, but to pay our last tribute to the greatest thing in the world, a human being. On April 5, 1918, God visited the home of Dr. D. W. Bryant and demanded a cessation of his life, leaving relatives and scores of friends to mourn him.

Dr. D. W. Bryant was born at Hazel Heath, Mississippi, November 3, 1880. Thus his useful life ended at 37 years. When only a mere boy of fifteen, being on fire with fervent aspiration to educate himself, he entered Roger Williams University at Nashville, Tenn., and there remained for several years, only leaving after having received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His conduct while there and his scholarly attainments won for him the highest esteem of all who knew him. Now being inspired by his uncle to become a doctor, he then entered Flint Medical College and there remained for one year. The next scholastic year, he entered Meharry Medical College at Nashville, Tenn., and there remained for one year. The next school he entered was the University of West Tennessee, and there remained until he received the degree Doctor of Medicine in 1906.

His first practice was at Chickasha, Okla., where he enjoyed a large practice and was operating successfully a modern drug store. Now wishing to enter upon a larger field of usefulness in the medical world, he went to Oklahoma City and there remained for several years enjoying a lucrative practice as well as the proprietor of a large drug store. He then came to Tulsa, Okla., where he remained practicing and operating a drug store until the "grim reaper" cut him down.

At no time during his life was he tardy in his church work, often leaving his business to further a church movement. And it is true, however, that he was styled a man of science, yet he did not recognize man as a supreme being, but only a microcosm (mikpos, small; kosmos, world) of the universe. Science and philosophy his relation therein.

The sun, 93 million miles distant from the earth, illuminates to perfection every infinitesimal part of an area 25 thousand miles in circumference, could only imitate the brilliancy of the character of this magnanimous scholar, philanthropist, medical genius, and religious advocate.

Friends, this old earth upon which we stand; the pyramids of Egypt, and the hanging gardens of Babylon, some day must crumble beneath the touch of time's effacing finger, but the character of this God-sent man will live throughout all future ages. When a thousand years shall have passed, he will be more appreciated than even now, his influence, his stand for justice, his plea for efficiency in the medical world, his work in the churches, societies, his ideas of consolidation among his people, and all that was indorsed by the Great King, was secondly indorsed by him.

In the community in which he lived, he was referred to as the modern light, not the light we call the effect upon the optic nerve produced by undulations and vibrations of an exceedingly subtle and highly elastic form of matter called luminiferous ether, but a mind endowed with attributes of sight, to point out the way for his fellow man, though filled with turmoil and vicissitudes of a rocky way, I would not attempt to eulogize him, because his work will

compel poets to write of him, not as a dead hero, but as a criterion for men of all ages; artists will seek his image to paint; musicians will sing of his noble work, for he has written his name indelibly upon the hearts of generations yet unborn and while we his contemporaries bemoan his loss, generations unborn will sing his praise, as do we Washington, Martin Luther, Hippocrates, the father of medicine, and Herodius, the father of history, or Anamnesis (anamnois, a recalling to mind). Therefore, friends, relatives, weep no more, his loss is God's gain in glory. The work of God must satisfy man, for his wonder works are so complex until the human ear constructed by him to perceive sounds from sixteen double vibrations two 65-1,000 double vibrations per second, could not even perceive the sound of the bugle call that landed him in eternity.

We, too, are travelers through this barren land, and at some future day will sever our relation with this careworn world and some one will say about us: "There lies his body, returning to the mother earth from whence it came; yonder his soul, beyond the milky way, resting in the city of the holy of holiness."

OPPOSED TO LYNCHINGS.

Leading citizens in the south have been organizing for the purpose of stamping out lynching and mob law generally. Such an organization was recently formed in Nashville, Tenn., and designated as the Law and Order league. Resolutions adopted have been signed by 96 prominent citizens of the city. The league's avowed purposes include development of a sound public opinion leading to the prompt and certain enforcement of the criminal laws, "to cultivate a spirit of higher respect for the majesty of the law; for the officers by whom and the agencies by which it is administered, and to uphold the officers of the law in the performance of their duties," and publicly work "to the end that mob violence and, at least, the more serious crimes" may be suppressed.

Here are excerpts from the resolutions passed by the league:

"We are forced to confess that the silence of the best people in the presence of this distressing situation and their unwillingness to grapple with it have helped to produce the conditions out of which have sprung lawless and frenzied mobs and timid officers of the law.

"We have a strong conviction that lynching is unjustifiable under any and all circumstances and is wrong in the sight of man and God. Whatever may be said of a certain wild justice in pioneer days or of conditions that prevailed after the Civil war we cannot now defend lynching. We must condemn it at all times and especially since it has become associated with the monstrous orgies of later days. If one group of men decides that lynching is justifiable for one crime, another will decide that it is equally justifiable for another, and so on, until, as the facts established, it is resorted to for every sort of crime or offense.

"While public sentiment is thus being educated we shall use every opportunity to bring to bear upon responsible officers the pressure of organized public opinion. We will uphold them in their enforcement of law. We will request judges to make mob law a special subject of instruction to all grand juries. We urge sheriffs to prepare for any emergency that may arise. It is apparent that it is just as much the sheriff's duty to protect human life and keep down mob violence as it is to prevent the sale of liquor. It is also worthy of note that the supreme court has held that the officer is not entitled to trial by jury, but the proceedings are summary in character, and the judge himself can render judgment on the facts.—Tulsa Morning Times.

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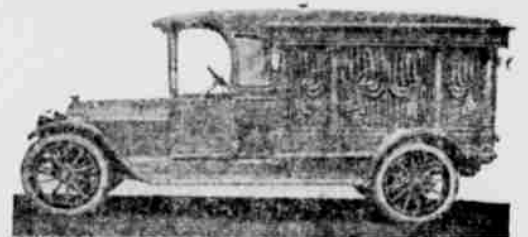
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